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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT



(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets including this title page.  
  
☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Instruction 607 of Administrative Instructions of the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of            sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
  - I    ☒ Basis of the report
  - II   ☐ Priority
  - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
  - IV   ☐ Lack of unity of invention
  - V    ☒ Reasoned statement according to Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
  - VI   ☐ Certain documents cited
  - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
  - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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**I. Basis of the report**

1. This report has been drawn up on the basis of the following elements *(the replacement sheets received by the receiving office in response to an invitation according to Article 14 are considered in the present report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report as they contain no amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).):*

**Description, pages:**

1-10 as originally filed

**Claims, No.:**

1-9 as originally filed

**Drawings, sheets:**

1/9-9/9 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been written disregarding (some of) the amendments, which were considered as going beyond the description of the invention, as filed, as is indicated below (Rule 70.2(c)):

*(All replacement sheets comprising amendments of this nature should be indicated in point 1 and attached to this report).*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty	Yes:	Claims	1-9
	No:	Claims	
Inventive Step	Yes:	Claims	1-9
	No:	Claims	
Industrial Applicability	Yes:	Claims	1-9
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

**see separate sheet**

**Point V, 2**

1. Claim 7 describes an item of equipment that is capable of displaying on a single screen either standby data (including a standby horizon), or automatic pilot set points, the equipment being provided with piloting set point adjustment buttons.

Such an item of equipment may make an aircraft instrument panel less costly.

Although the two are well known per se, no document shows such an integration of a standby horizon and an automatic pilot in a single apparatus.

Document "MD11 Electronic Instrument System" shows only an instrument panel that corresponds essentially to the preamble of claim 1 (the standby horizon is not explicitly described).

Document GB-A-2 107 059 shows only a standby horizon using a display screen; an automatic pilot is not mentioned.

2. Claim 1 relates to an instrument panel comprising the equipment according to claim 7.
3. Claims 2-6 and 8-9 depend on claim 1, respectively 7, and therefore also satisfy as such the conditions required by the PCT concerning novelty and inventive step.

**Formal observations**

1. Contrary to the requirement of rule 5.1 a) ii) PCT, the description does not indicate the pertinent prior art set out in the two documents cited in the search report and does not cite these documents.